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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Chaitan KHOSLA and Blaine PFEIFER

Serial No.: 09/687,855

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For: BIOSYNTHESIS OF POLYKETIDE  
SYNTHASE SUBSTRATES

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr, Ph.D

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F. R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed 9 April 2002, for which a response was due 9 July 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of time is attached hereto, thus extending the time for response until 9 August 2002.

Claims 1-9, 24-29 and 42-52 were pending before this amendment. Claims 1-9, 24-29, 42 and 43 have been rejected. Claims 44-52 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 has been amended, and claims 2-9, 24-29 and 42-52 have been deleted. Claims 53-77 have been added.

Enclosed is Exhibit A - Version with Markings to Show Changes.